



## Miami-Dade Parks January 2006 Calendar of Events

### SUNDAY, 1

#### **Only in Florida: Photos by Barbara Robbins**

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free with park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Daily thru January 15. Deering Estate hosts an exhibition by Barbara Robbins documenting the visual history of the state. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668, ext. 233

#### **Deering Historic Tours**

10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. \$7 adults; \$5 children. Daily. See the historic 1922 Stone House and the 1896-1900 Richmond Cottage decked out for the holidays. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668

#### **Dog Park**

Sunrise-Sunset. Free. Monday-Friday. \$4 parking per vehicle on Saturday and Sunday. The park offers five acres of enclosed green space with walking trails and water fountains for dogs. Dog Park at Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305-685-8389

#### **Farm Village**

9 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Monday-Friday. \$4 parking per vehicle on Saturday and Sunday. The farm village offers petting zoo daily and pony rides on Saturday and Sunday for children weighing 70 lbs. and less. Pony rides are \$2. Bill Graham Farm Village at Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305-685-8389

#### **Mangrove Maze Canoe Tour**

8-11 a.m. \$25 adults; \$15 ages 9-14. Also, January 15 & 29. Canoeists will experience the beauty and tranquility of Biscayne Bay as they explore the mangroves of the Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668, ext. 242.

#### **Amusement Center**

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Daily. Ride a colorful carousel and bike or roller-blade through miles of trails. Carousel operates weekends and holidays only. Three rides for \$1. Crandon Park, 4000 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, 305-361-5421

#### **Skyward Kites**

10 a.m.-Sunset. Daily. Add the joy of kite flying to your day at the beach. Kites on sale starting at \$5 and staff will help with assembly and give instructions on how to be a master kite flyer. Haulover Beach Park, 10800 Collins Ave., Miami Beach, 305-893-0906

#### **Chihuly at Fairchild**

9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. \$20 for adults, \$15 senior citizens, \$10 ages 6-17, 5 and younger free. This tropical glass garden will be on exhibit thru May 31. Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Rd, Miami, 305-667-1651

#### **The Soul Within**

9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday until January 20. Paintings by Kabuya Pamela Bowens. Call 305-638-6771 for more information. African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, 6161 NW 22 Ave., Miami

## **WEDNESDAY, 4**

### **Arch Creek Ghost Tours**

7-8:30 p.m. \$5. Wednesdays. Take a night tour of Arch Creek Park and learn about its spooky past. Hear personal accounts of ghostly encounters that have occurred since the late 1800s and maybe have an encounter of your own. Call 305-944-6111 for reservations. Arch Creek Park Museum, 1855 NE 135 St., N. Miami

## **THURSDAY, 5**

### **Nite Hikes**

7-9 p.m. Free with paid park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Take a guided hike through the natural areas looking for night critters and enjoy some cool nights outdoors during these fall months. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668, ext. 242

## **FRIDAY, 6**

### **Shooter Clinic**

7-8 p.m. Fridays. Free clinic, charge for shotgun rental, trap rounds, shells, ear and eye protection. Ages 18 and older. Learn the sport of Trap shooting, including shotgun safety, game rules, field etiquette, and shooting techniques. Trail Glades Range, 17601 SW 8 St., Miami, 305-226-1823

### **Redland Natural Art Festival Kick-off Concert**

8 p.m. \$25. Featuring singer, songwriter and actor Loudon Wainwright III. Tickets available through Ticketmaster or at the park. Fruit and Spice Park, 24801 SW 187 Ave., Homestead, 305-247-5727

## **SATURDAY, 7**

### **“The Daughter of the Regiment”**

7 p.m. \$21-150. Also showing, January 10, 11 & 21 at 8 p.m.; January 15 at 2 p.m. This charming comedic opera explores the life of an orphaned child raised by a French army regiment with twists of family, life, and love. Miami-Dade County Auditorium, 2901 West Flagler St., Miami, 305-547-5414, ext. 0

### **Redland Natural Art Festival**

10 a.m.-5 p.m. \$5. Free for children under 11. Thru Sunday. The festival features arts, crafts, plants and entertainment, including old-time music, puppetry and juggling. Fruit and Spice Park, 24801 SW 187 Ave., Homestead, 305-247-5727

### **Evening Sky Viewings**

8-11 p.m. Free. Saturdays. Look and learn with the Southern Astronomical Society and view the night sky through their high-tech telescopes. Call 305-661-1375 for more information. Bill Sadowski Park and Nature Center, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami

### **Pelican Harbor Kayak and Snorkel Trip**

2-5 p.m. \$35, includes snorkel rental. Also, January 15, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Break away from it all by kayaking and snorkeling in the shallows around a series of small islands in North Biscayne Bay that provide viable habitats for coastal birds and marine life. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Meet at Pelican Harbor Marina, 1275 NE 79 Street Causeway, Miami Beach.

### **Key Biscayne Heritage Bike Tour**

10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$25 includes bike and helmet rental; \$20 with your own bike; \$15 children. Sundays. Learn of natural and historical events as you bike along this barrier island. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Crandon Park Visitors and Biscayne Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

**Family Campfire and Night Walk**

7-9:30 p.m. \$5. Also, January 14, 20 & 27. Park naturalists will teach you about scary nighttime critters and then search for them on the trail after dark. Afterwards, enjoy a campfire with marshmallow roast and star viewing. Call 305-255-4767 for reservations. Bill Sadowski Park and Nature Center, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami

**Fla. Paso Fino Horse Show**

8 a.m.-12 a.m. Free. Thru Sunday. Tropical Park Equestrian Center, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami 305-554-7334

**Arch Creek Nature Walks**

10-11 a.m. \$3. Saturdays. Join us on this naturalist-guided tour through a native tropical hardwood hammock where the pioneers of North Miami once lived and the prehistoric Tequesta Indians thrived for hundreds of years living off the land. Call 305-944-6111 one day in advance for reservations. Meet at Arch Creek Park Museum, 1855 NE 135 St., N. Miami.

**Wheelchair Tennis Program**

9-11 a.m. Free. Saturdays. Ages 12 and older. All skill levels. Call 305-755-7848 (v/tdd) for more information. Big Five Tennis Club, 9299 SW 7 Terr., Miami

**Historic Oleta River Canoe Trip**

10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$25 adults; \$15 children ages 7-14. Saturdays. Catch a view of many wading birds and mammals in their natural habitats and visit an undisturbed Tequesta Indian midden. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Meet at East Greynolds Park, NE 167 St. and Biscayne Blvd., N. Miami Beach.

**Crandon Heritage Tram Tours**

10-11 a.m. Saturdays; 3-4 p.m. Sundays. \$2 adults; \$1 children. Take a tram ride through Crandon Park and the Bear Cut Preserve and learn about the island of Key Biscayne and its fascinating history. Call 305-361-6767 for reservations. Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

**Chicken Key Canoe Tour**

8-11 a.m. \$25 adults; \$15 ages 9-14. Saturdays. Canoeists will experience the beauty of Biscayne Bay as they make their way to Chicken Key Island, a seven-acre bird rookery. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668, ext. 242

**NRA First Steps Course**

10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$49.94. Saturdays. Ages 21 and older. This course consists of fundamental basic pistol instruction and safety and meets state requirements for the concealed weapons permit. Trail Glades Range, 17601 SW 8 St., Miami, 305-226-1823

**Firearm Safety**

9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$5 adults; children free. Saturdays and Sundays. Learn the fundamentals of firearm safety, range rules and regulations. Trail Glades Range, 17601 SW 8 St., Miami, 305-226-1823

**Saturdays in the Park with Commissioner Javier Souto**

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturdays. District 10 residents are invited to spend Saturday mornings with Commissioner Souto discussing concerns and issues. Call 305-375-4835 for locations.

**Saturday Morning Camp: Drop-n-Shop**

9 a.m.-1 p.m. \$5 one child, \$8 two children; \$11 three children. Saturdays. Parents can go shopping while their children are supervised with activities, games, videos and arts and crafts. Highland Oaks Park, 20300 NE 24 Ave., N. Miami Beach, 305-932-2164

**Kayak Rentals**

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. 2 Person Kayaks: \$15 per hour. Snorkel rental daily for \$7. Rentals at North Beach Kayak Aquatic Concession, southeast of Crandon Park Visitors and Biscayne Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, 305-361-6767

**Crandon Kayak and Snorkel Excursions**

9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m. \$40; \$25 for Miami-Dade residents. Saturdays and Sundays. Explore the colorful tropical fish, spotted eagle rays, cushion stars, herons and other animals that share the fragile and unique sanctuary of the Fossilized Reef. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Crandon Park Visitors and Biscayne Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

**Matheson Hammock Biscayne Bay Tour**

10 a.m. and 4 p.m. \$25; \$15 ages 7-14. Saturdays and Sundays. Explore mangrove forest-lined creeks and discover the secretive lives of wildlife that inhabit this habitat. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Meet the A.D. Barnes Park naturalist guides at Redfish Grill in Matheson Hammock Park, 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami.

**Crandon Bayside Canoe Adventure**

10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$40 adults, \$25 for Miami-Dade residents; \$15 ages 7-14. Saturdays and Sundays. Discover the peaceful bayside waters of Key Biscayne and the endless mangrove forest where great blue herons, iguanas and spotted eagle rays flourish. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

**Canoe, Kayak and Paddle Boat Rentals**

11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Canoes and kayaks for adults are \$4.50 per half hour and \$3 for children. Paddle boats are \$6 per half hour. The Boathouse at Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach, 305-948-2891

**Crandon Bear Cut Preserve Nature Walks**

10-11 a.m. and 2-3 p.m. \$3. Saturdays and Sundays. Explore a rare remnant of Miami's remaining maritime hammock, scrub, dunes and beach habitat and mangrove forest. Call 305-361-6767 for reservations. Meet at the Crandon Park Visitors and Biscayne Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne.

**Guided Historical Nature Walk**

2-4 p.m. \$3 per person; \$4 per vehicle entrance fee. Saturdays and Sundays. See animals in their natural surroundings and learn about plant life that might not be seen on a paved trail. Call 305-948-2891 for reservations. Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach

**Fall Campfire**

5:30-9 p.m. \$15. Also, January 21. Begin the evening with a hike learning about medicinal and edible plants. Then take a canoe trip on the Oleta River to the campgrounds for storytelling, craft making and marshmallow roasting around the campfire. Call 305-948-2891 for reservations. Meet at the Boathouse at Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach.

**SUNDAY, 8****East Greynolds Oleta River Kayak Trip**

10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$25. Also, January 29 Catch a view of many wading birds and mammals in their natural habitats and visit an undisturbed Tequesta Indian midden. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Meet at East Greynolds Park, NE 167 St. and Biscayne Blvd., N. Miami Beach.

**Batting Cages**

9-11 a.m. \$5 for 15 minutes; \$25 for an hour. Sundays. Highland Oaks Park, 20300 NE 24 Ave., N. Miami Beach, 305-932-2164

## **FRIDAY, 13**

### **Moonlight Canoe Tour**

7-11 p.m. \$35. Ages 18 and older. Canoeists will enjoy the moonlit beauty of Biscayne Bay as they make their way to Chicken Key Island. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668, ext. 242

## **SATURDAY, 14**

### **Simplifying Landscape Management**

1 p.m. Free. This seminar is part of the Florida Yards & Neighborhoods program which will review low-maintenance principles for a sustainable South Florida Landscape. Call 305-235-1668 for more information. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami

### **Bird Walk**

7:30-10 a.m. Free with paid park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Learn about local and migrating birds at Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668, ext. 242.

### **An Everglades Adventure**

10 a.m.-5 p.m. \$40 adults; \$15 children ages 7-14. Bring the entire family on a fun and educational tour of Everglades National Park. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Bill Sadowski Park and Nature Center, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami

### **WHAF Horse Show**

8 a.m.-9 p.m. Free. Tropical Park Equestrian Center, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami 305-554-7334

## **SUNDAY, 15**

### **Family Fun Day**

1-3 p.m. \$5. Also, January 29. Bring the family for a hike through the trails of Arch Creek, archaeological digs and pottery making. Call 305-944-6111 for reservations. Arch Creek Park Museum, 1855 NE 135 St., N. Miami

## **MONDAY, 16**

### **Martin Luther King Day Sunset Canoe Tour to Coral Reef Park**

2:30-5:30 p.m. \$25 adults; \$15 children ages 7-14. Take a leisurely paddle to Coral Reef Park in search of wildlife, have a rest and a snack, and then head back to the park in time to enjoy a beautiful sunset and flocks of ibis heading to roost. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Bill Sadowski Park and Nature Center, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami

## **WEDNESDAY, 18**

### **Afternoon Tea at Fairchild**

3 p.m. Also, January 29. Call 305-667-1651, ext. 3391 for reservations. Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Miami

## **SATURDAY, 21**

### **Antique Maps Exhibit – Cuba and the Caribbean Reception**

2 p.m. Reception is free. On exhibit through March 26, 2006. Claude Alix will give a lecture on rare and antique maps at the Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668, ext. 242.

### **Loxahatchee Arthur R. Marshall National Wildlife Refuge**

8 a.m.-4 p.m. \$40 adults; \$15 ages 9-17. Spend a day exploring the northern Everglades, including a cypress swamp boardwalk and marsh trail explorations where wading birds, hawks, alligators and migrating waterfowl can be spotted. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Trip meets at the Greynolds Park Boathouse, 17530 West Dixie Hwy, North Miami Beach.

**Mark Wonderly Jumpers Horse Show**

8 a.m.-9 p.m. Free. Tropical Park Equestrian Center, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami, 305-554-7334

**Butterfly Walk**

2-3:30 p.m. Free with paid park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Explore the various habitats of the park while finding and identifying numerous butterfly species. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668, ext. 242

**SATURDAY, 28**

**Architecture Tour**

2-3:30 p.m. Free with paid park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Discover all the architectural features this historic park has to offer by exploring the magnificent Stone House and the picturesque Richmond Cottage. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668, ext. 242

**Black Point Sunset Canoe Tour**

2:30-5:30 p.m. \$25 adults; \$15 children 14 and under. Pack a lunch and come paddle into Rainbow Bay to explore and encounter marine life and birds that inhabit the waters around mangrove islands. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Meet near the Pirate's Cove at Bill Sadowski Park and Nature Center, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami.

**The Greatest of World War II**

2:30 p.m. Free with paid admission: \$5 adults; \$3 children under 12. A picture and slide presentation "Lighter than Air (L.T.A.) and Naval Airship Bases." Gold Coast Railroad Museum, 12450 SW 152 St., Miami, 305-253-0063, [www.goldcoast-railroad.org](http://www.goldcoast-railroad.org)

**Kendall Indian Hammocks Volunteer Workday**

9 a.m.-12 p.m. Volunteers help restore natural areas by removing exotic plants, planting seedlings or picking up trash. Call 305-257-0933 to register. Kendall Indian Hammocks, 11345 SW 79 St., Miami